



California State Fire Marshal
CODE INTERPRETATION

Date Issued	May 16, 2007	Interpretation #	06-118
Topic	Fire Alarms in New Portable School Buildings		
Code Section(s)	CBC Sec. 305.11.1 and 305.11.2		
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1. Do new permanent-portable buildings on new public school campuses that are not funded pursuant to the Education Code need to meet the requirements of Section 305.10.1?

Yes. Pursuant to Section 305.11.1, a permanent-portable building used to serve or house students from kindergarten through the twelfth grade and is certified as a permanent building on a new public school campus by the public school administration is required to meet the provisions of Section 305.10.1 regardless of the funding source of the new permanent-portable building.

2. Do new permanent-portable buildings placed on existing public school campuses need to meet the requirements of Section 305.10.2 if; a) the project cost is less than \$200,000 or b) if the project is not funded pursuant to the Education Code.

No. Section 305.11.2 addresses permanent portable buildings which are to undergo modernization efforts. It does not address new permanent-portable buildings placed on existing public school campuses. The fire alarm requirements for a new permanent-portable classroom placed on an existing campus is addressed in Sections 305.9.1